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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN LOURENCO MARQUES SUPPORTING  
JUNTA

1. ASSISTANT LECTURERS AND PROFESSORS OF UNIVERSITY OF  
LOURENCO MARQUES ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATION IN SUPPORT OF  
JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION IN AFTERNOON OF APRIL 29.  
APPROXIMATELY 5,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED RALLY, OF WHOM FEW  
BLACK.

2. CROWD, WITH HIGH PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS, GATHERED IN  
PRACA DAS DESCOBERTAS AROUND 4 P.M., SINGING "GRANDOLA  
VILA MORENA", RATHER MOROSE SONG HAILING FRATERNITY AND  
SOVEREIGNTY OF PEOPLE, WHICH REPORTEDLY SERVED AS SIGNAL FOR  
COUP IN LISBON WHEN IT BROADCAST OVER RADIO. TWO INITIAL  
SPEAKERS WERE: ABEL CALADO, ONE OF UNIVERSITY STUDENT  
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LEADERS OF DISSOLVED STUDENT UNION, AND ANTONIO C. LEITE

PEREIRA, LAWYER AND ONE OF LEFTIST POLITICAL GROUP CALLING ITSELF "DEMOCRATAS". BOTH GAVE SUPPORT TO JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION, CONDEMNED FORMER "FASCIST COLONIAL REGIME OF MARCELLO CAETANO", AND CALLED ON PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING NEW PORTUGAL.

3. ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL COL. DAVID TEIXEIRA FERREIRA, SURROUNDED BY PROVINCIAL SECRETARIES AND OTHER MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, RECEIVED COLD RECEPTION FROM DEMONSTRATORS, SOME OF WHOM COMPLAINED ABOUT PRESENCE OF OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH "FORMER REPRESSIVE REGIME". FERREIRA CONGRATULATED CROWD FOR PATRIOTISM AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS IN SUPPORTING PROGRAM OF JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION.

4. MANIFESTO OF "DEMOCRATAS", DISTRIBUTED WIDELY AMONG CROWD HAS LONG LIST OF CHARGES AGAINST FORMER REGIME AND RECOMMENDED COURSES OF ACTION. DETAILS OF MANIFESTO WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

5. ALSO ANNOUNCED WAS MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF LOURENCO MARQUES ON MAY 1 TO CONSIDER POSITIONS TO BE ADOPTED IN CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION.

6. COMMENT: SOME HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN PRIVATELY AT RAPIDITY WITH WHICH EVENTS SEEM TO BE UNFOLDING. THEY FEAR THAT STUDENTS AND OPPOSITIONISTS WILL ABUSE THEIR NEWLY FOUND FREEDOM AND GIVE JUNTA EXCUSE TO RESTRICT CIVIL LIBERTIES ONCE AGAIN. LIBERAL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR INFORMED US THAT STUDENTS BEHIND DEMONSTRATION ARE NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF MAIN STUDENT BODY AND THAT HE HOPES THAT CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM, RATHER THAN SLOGANS, WILL BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION OF FORTHCOMING MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. HE ALSO ADDED THAT ANNOUNCED DISMISSAL OF UNIVERSITY RECTOR, VICE-RECTORS, AND DIRECTORS OF FACULTIES HAD BEEN WIDELY EXPECTED AND THAT IT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT NEW RECTOR WILL BE MOZAMBIKAN.

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